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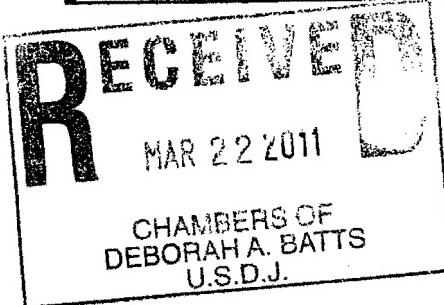
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By Hand

Honorable Deborah A. Batts
 United States District Judge
 United States Courthouse
 500 Pearl Street, Room 2510
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Re: *In re Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC Sec. Litig.*, 09 Civ. 300 (S.D.N.Y.) (DAB);
Lighthouse Financial Group v. The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc et al., No. 11 Civ. 398
 (S.D.N.Y.) (GBD)

Dear Judge Batts:

I represent defendant The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ("RBS") in this case, and write on RBS's behalf to request an adjournment of the current motion to dismiss briefing schedule, in light of the March 7, 2011 motion by plaintiff-movant Lighthouse Financial Group ("Lighthouse") to consolidate *Lighthouse Financial Group LLC v. Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC et. al.*, 11 Civ. 398 (GBD) with *In Re Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC Securities Litigation*, 09 Civ. 300 (DAB) and *Gold v. Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC*, 11 Civ. 1162 (NRB).

Under the Court's February 16, 2011 Order [DE 172], The Freeman Group, lead plaintiff in 09-300, filed an Amended Complaint on March 18, 2011. Absent adjournment, defendants' motion(s) to dismiss the Freeman Group complaint would be due on April 4.

However, the Lighthouse motion to consolidate raises the possibility that a motion to dismiss solely the Freeman Group complaint will be a waste of time and resources. If the Court were to grant the Lighthouse motion—and RBS takes no position on that issue—an entire new round of motion practice might be necessary.

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We accordingly request that the Court adjourn the motion to dismiss schedule until such time as it has ruled on the Lighthouse motion to consolidate. We request that if the Court grants the motion, it set defendants' time to dismiss the consolidated complaint at 28 days after that complaint is served and filed. If the Court denies that motion, we request that the Court set defendants' time to dismiss the Freeman Group complaint ^{at 14 days after the decision,} ~~at 14 days after the decision,~~ ^{Granted} ^{/DAB} ^{03/25/11}

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Engelmayer, Esq.

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SO ORDERED **MEMO ENDORSED**
Deborah A. Batts
 DEBORAH A. BATT
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

March 25, 2011